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## Students reflect on Obama inauguration

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On the 4 a.m. metro ride to President Obama's inauguration, the train was so crammed that the doors kept popping open, according to University of Montana junior Erin Giefer. She had to link arms with her friends so she wouldn't lose them in the crowd.

"It was almost like the end of the world—there were so many people," said junior Rachel Jennings.

But according to senior Allie Harrison, braving the crowds and waiting in line were worth it.

"There is nothing like it," she said. "There is no other excuse on this earth for people to stand eight and a half hours in line for a 15-minute speech."

Eleven students traveled to Washington D.C. to see the inauguration and for a 10-day seminar held by the Washington Center, a nonprofit organization based in D.C. that provides various academic opportunities for university students across the country.

"After seeing Obama's speech during the convention, I decided that, no matter what, I would be there for the inauguration," said freshman Daniel Viehland.

However, the early start and cold weather took its toll.

"I actually think that I might have felt more emotion watching on TV," Viehland said. "By the time the ceremony began I was physically and emotionally numb from the cold and fatigue."

Dylan Laslovich, a political science graduate student, disagreed, saying that if he had watched at home, he wouldn't have had the same understanding of what the event meant to so many people. Standing in line to get into the inauguration, he spoke to a couple from New Orleans and an extended family from South Carolina behind him. For these people, an inauguration of the first black president probably resonates more than it does in Montana. People standing next to him cried as Obama was sworn in.

"It's really easy to get swept up in the emotion of it," he said.

Shohina Touraeva, a political science graduate student from Tajikistan, said she felt chills during the ceremony.

"Those chills were not only from

the cold, but also from emotion," she said.

Many of the students who attended the inauguration said they felt a sense of community among the disparate range of people attending the event. Junior Joseph Caldwell said his friend referred to it as a "mosaic of humanity."

"It was incredible to see everyone come together as one," he said. "It was beautiful."

Caldwell, who worked as a field organizer for the Obama campaign during the primary season, said he felt Obama's inaugural address had a different authority to it since he now spoke as the president.

"I felt like he had a lot more power behind him," he said.

Harrison said that because Obama has become something of a "rock star," the crowd was expecting more of a pep rally, but Obama was trying to be presidential, so he took a more somber approach when delivering his inaugural address.

"I thought it was surprisingly solemn," she said.

Harrison is involved in the Republican Party and was not an Obama supporter, but said the sheer volume of people who attended the inauguration shows what a big deal it was.

"It's not just about one man," she said. "It's not just about Barack Obama. It's what he has inspired in those 2 million people who were there."

Junior Andrew Dusek is still processing everything.

"It was probably the most amazing experience you can have," he said. "It hasn't sunk in yet."

Junior Casey Lalonde was satisfied with Obama's speech.

"I thought it was really good, given all the hype," he said.

Many of the students attended other inauguration events, such as the "We Are One" concert the Sunday before the inauguration.

Lalonde said that is when he began to sense the excitement of what was happening.

"That was kind of when the whole thing really began to set in and we realized what we'd gotten ourselves into," he said.

Laslovich said he felt moved many times while in Washington.

"I felt like I was there a lot longer than two weeks," he said. "I'm still decompressing."

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## Displaced students get dorm rooms



Kenneth Billington/Montana Kaimin

Michael Dye, a first-year transfer student from Purdue, studies on the third floor study lounge of Craig Hall Monday night. All of the dorm study lounges that served as overflow housing last semester have been vacated, and the twenty four remaining interim housing students placed in permanent housing.

Kayla Matzke  
MONTANA KAIMIN

The two dozen students who were stuck in interim housing the entire fall semester have finally been given dorm rooms, said director of Residence Life Ron Brunell.

At the beginning of fall semester, 148 students were living in study lounges due to the university booking students for rooms even though all were full. It was the greatest overflow in on-campus housing the University of Montana has seen in recent years. Twenty-four students were still waiting

for rooms come finals week last semester.

Brunell said that UM will not know if there will be an overflow in on-campus housing again next fall, and he would not elaborate on a defined plan if there are more students than rooms again.

There are too many circumstances that come into play to know right now, he said, and the data need to be reviewed. A surge in upperclassmen moving back into dorms could cause over crowding. The economy may also factor into overflow of the dormitories, he said. To save money, many students may

want to attend an in-state, public university.

"There are a number of unknown factors," Brunell said. "We'll know more later in spring."

Brunell couldn't say if UM would again face the overflow that left many students in nooks around campus. If it does, he said, Residence Life will use facilities in the local community to house the students. But, Brunell said, the university is prepared to handle the situation if it happens again.

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## Montana University System seeks additional funding at Legislature

Molly Priddy  
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Helena — University of Montana President George Dennison petitioned state lawmakers last week to fund projects and pay raises at University of Montana campuses across the state, despite the current economic turmoil.

However, as state revenue projections keep falling, legislators will be deciding where to cut money from the budget, not doling it out.

Dennison gave legislators a presentation on funding needs for the campuses, including a new building for the College of Technology in Missoula and a tu-

ition freeze for the COT in Missoula and in Helena.

"We simply must do something for (the COT students)," Dennison said. "We can only succeed in our mission with your help."

The 2007 Legislature approved funding to design a new COT building that would be built on the University golf course. Now, University officials are requesting \$30 million for the actual construction of the building.

Dennison also asked for \$30 million to maintain the Montana University System's current operating level. Gov. Brian Schweitzer's budget proposal does

not account for this money.

Legislative financial analysts told lawmakers at the beginning of the session that if Schweitzer's budget passes, the university system would either have to raise tuition or cut spending to make up for it.

Even so, Dennison made his case for raising University employee salaries, asking for more money to raise the salaries to a more marketable level.

"We know very well that we're not meeting the market," Dennison said.

Michaela Wolfinger, UM political science major and French

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### TODAY ON CAMPUS

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## Editorial Yes we can... 'spark' a revolution

This is not change we can believe in.

In a time when college students should be re-energized about America, getting that extra little surge is suddenly tougher.

The manliest girly drink out there will disappear from local grocers' shelves in coming weeks and, frankly, you should be livid. Sparks, the tangy energy/booze cocktail in a can that is regularly seen at fraternity parties, football games and, well, everywhere else people drink, is being scaled back, making Sparks the David Beckham of frothy, orange-flavored alcoholic beverages — it's losing its kick.

MillerCoors, makers of Sparks, is being forced by more than a dozen states' attorneys general to scale back the caffeine content and remove the plus and minus symbols from the can. Apparently opponents of the beverage are pretty charged up about the fact that Sparks appears to be a battery for those who drink it.

I think it's time the alcohol-swilling college population calls on President Obama to stand up to this. If he wants to be the president of a new America, doesn't allowing a popular beverage to be severely restricted beyond recognition laugh in the face of that very goal? If you paid attention during the campaigns, you would have believed the previous administration would have denied your right to be a crazy person. Not Obama's.

Listen, I'm more of a shot-and-a-beer kind of guy. Frankly, I think Sparks tastes like crap. I'm not sure if it's Orangina on acid or acid on Orangina. That doesn't mean I don't recognize the injustice in discontinuing it. Naysayers claim high-caffeine content coupled with alcohol is bad for you and encourages people to drink more.

Well, duh. That's why the folks at MillerCoors produced it in the first place. If it wanted to do us an actual favor, the corporation could have ridded us of Mickey's Chill or Foster's.

Foster's: Australian for rancid koala piss.

Suddenly, something that has become all too familiar in America is at the forefront again: the denial of due process. It's happening to Gov. Blagojevich in Illinois and it's happening to you, the Sparks lover. The will of the drinker is being thwarted.

It's the government suits that pushed for the abolition of Sparks, which will disappear from Missoula shelves in the coming weeks. They say they're worried about the kids. Believe me, the kids were much better off when they could still start their nights off with a loaded energy drink.

Now, we're forced to mix our own Red Bull and booze. And you government types thought the proportion of caffeine to alcohol was too severe before?

Look, I understand there are health implications in drinking a suped-up energy drink with alcohol. But my inner-libertarian reminds you that you risk your life every time you get out of bed. If you choose to do that with a Sparks-induced hangover, all the better.

Hell, dare we remind President Obama that his beloved cigarettes are even dangerous? The cries of hypocrisy should be heard from sea to shining sea.

Nobody's suggesting here that all college students should protest and go on a Sparks-only diet. It's simply a quick-hitter of energy to get nights going. A night spent chugging the juiced juice might leave you in bed at 5 a.m. shivering like a crackhead in an ice cave, but hey, what else is college for? Getting rid of Sparks as we know it is just a gross overreaction. If you consume too much of anything, you'll die. If you drink too much water, you'll die. If you eat too much pizza, you'll die. Pizza should not be outlawed. It's delicious.

Yet, the revolution to keep Sparks as we know it can't start and end with an editorial in a campus newspaper most popular for its crossword puzzle. We need a group of students to take the torch. Come to think of it, SESJ has been rather quiet recently.

Students for Energetically Sloshed Justice has a nice ring, don't you think?

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## The last thing we need is looser gun laws

The 2009 Montana Legislature seems dead-set on not letting the shenanigans of the previous session outshine them. The representatives and senators of this state have penned, requested or sponsored 2,295 proposed pieces of new and/or amended legislation. Most of these will never reach the floor of either house (thank God) and will be buried into the sub-committee abyss where they belong.

Gov. Brian Schweitzer told The Great Falls Tribune just after Christmas that a lot of senators and representatives only write bills because they promised constituents back home that they would, knowing full well that the legislation would never even reach the voting stage. Schweitzer should be applauded for speaking so candidly and truthfully in a political landscape that skews reality to citizens.

Despite the overwhelming volume of fluffy legislation this year, some bills, for lack of a better term, are terrifying. And it's not so much the literal meaning of the bills, but, rather, the connotations of wording and the way in which people can interpret new laws. House Bill 228 is exactly of this nature because it aims to make Montana a safer place, but in reality, if passed, could accomplish the exact opposite. The bill calls for, "an act preserving and clarifying laws relating to the right of self-defense and the right to bear arms."

The written purpose of the bill is to "clarify and secure the ability

### THERE'S A FLY IN MY BEER

By Kelsey Bernius



of the people to protect themselves from wrongful assault." Just the wording itself insinuates that modern Montanans still live in a Wild West state full of vigilantes and loose-cannon criminals, and that we as citizens cannot protect ourselves within the bounds of the constitution. In the body of the bill, one of the sections states that citizens may display weapons for "harmless defensive purposes."

Furthermore, if HB 228 passes, citizens may hold, cock, point and do whatever damn well else they please as long as it is not, "directly pointed at another person." This section leaves too much room for misinterpretation. The weapon may not be pointed at a person, but could it be pointed at someone's door, window, car etc.?

And don't think that lawmakers have left out college students and young adults in this wasteful and tactless bill. A section states that landlords may not stop tenants from keeping weapons in their

rentals. This section places an unnecessary burden and liability upon landlords. Is it now the landlords' duty to ensure that tenants who obtain weapons are doing so lawfully? The bottom line is that landlords should have a say in this matter. If you think that you absolutely need to sleep with a pistol by your bed in Missoula, you can find a landlord who agrees with you. If not, a baseball bat usually does the trick just as well—and for cheaper.

The same section reads that a landlord or hotel operator "may prohibit the discharge of a firearm at the premise except for self defense." This begs the question, what kind of landlord or hotel operator would allow the active use of firearms for any other reason? This section is nothing but a slap in the face and questions the intelligence level of landlords and hotel owners everywhere. It is also a complete waste of time.

The outlandish wording of this bill raises more questions than it solves problems. Montana already has a problem with gun violence. Just ask the residents of Glasgow, in light of the recent sniper attacks and fatality earlier this month. The reality is that gun violence is a crisis for many complex and overlapping reasons. Every law-abiding citizen who legally obtains a firearm should be able to use it in an extreme and rare case of self-defense. This is what the current law in Montana says. It should not be changed as the requestors and sponsors of HB 228 wish.

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glasses like one.

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# Japan to tourists: Don't lick the tuna

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TOKYO — Tourists are known for acting silly, but licking the tuna? Overwhelmed by a growing number of misbehaving tourists, Tokyo fishmongers banned all visitors from one of the city's most popular tourist destinations — the pre-dawn tuna auctions at the world's largest seafood market.

The ban, imposed during the peak New Year buying season, was front-page news before it was lifted last week. Now, the tourists are back, but the debate goes on: Can tourists be trusted around the tuna?

"We understand that the sight of hundreds of frozen tuna looks unique and interesting for foreign tourists," said Yoshiaki Takagi, deputy director of the market. "But they have to understand the Tsukiji market is a professional place, not an amusement park."

One of the more notorious recent cases was that of a tipsy British tourist — caught on tape by a Japanese TV crew — who licked the head of a frozen tuna and patted its gill. Two others, also caught on video, rode around on a cart used by wholesalers. "Get out! Get out!" an irate market official shouted in English.

"Tuna is a very expensive fish," Takagi said. "One tuna can easily cost more than 1 million yen (\$11,000). But some tourists touch them and even try to hug them."

Fed up, the market decided to impose the ban.

So, when on Jan. 5, a premium bluefin tuna fetched 9.63 million yen — more than \$107,000, the highest price in nearly a decade — no tourists were anywhere in sight. The restriction was lifted on Jan. 19, despite some grumbling from the fishmongers.

The sprawling market dates back to the 16th century, when the military rulers who had just moved Japan's capital to Tokyo — then called Edo — wanted to ensure they had a steady supply of fish.

Today, Japan is the world's biggest consumer of seafood. The market handles 480 kinds of seafood, attracting around 40,000 buyers and sellers daily. The value of its seafood trade amounts to \$20 million per day on average, making it the heart of the national seafood distribution system and the biggest fish wholesale market in the world.

It's the kind of place the Japanese take for granted. But it has become a big hit with foreigners because of the colorful way the fish are auctioned off by men in rubber boots and baseball hats using arcane hand signals and the sheer volume and variety of fish available every day.

Nearly 90 percent of visitors for tuna auctions are non-Japanese, Takagi said — a figure that seemed pretty much in line with the crowd at Tsukiji one recent morning.

"In Holland, we have a flower market, a cheese market, but nothing like the Tsukiji market," said Jan Groeneweg, a 55-year-old bank-

ing analyst from the Netherlands who came before sunrise to see a tuna sale. "It's one of the top 10 attractions in Tokyo. You must visit here."

The no-nonsense fishmongers at Tsukiji do not see themselves as an attraction, but rather as workers with pressing business. The most common complaint from auctioneers is tourists using flash cameras, which makes it difficult for them to read the finger signals used for bidding. The market put up English signs saying "No Flash!" but that was widely ignored, Takagi said.

"The flash of cameras really bothers me. Since I don't speak English, I make gestures to ask foreign tourists not to use a flash. Most of them stop, but some just keep doing it," said tuna buyer Yasumasa Oshima.

After the ban was lifted, the market began distributing leaflets at the entrance of the tuna auction site in English, Chinese, Korean and Russian, as well as Japanese. Along with the no-flash warning, it tells visitors to stay within the observation area and leave promptly after the auctions, which open at 5 a.m.

The post-ban crowds have been better behaved.

"This is something you only see on the Discovery Channel," said Chris Szydlo, a 33-year-old business consultant from Orlando, Fla. "We don't have anything like this, not even close."

# Super arrivals: Cardinals and Steelers in Tampa

ASSOCIATED PRESS

TAMPA—The pilot of their airplane stuck a team flag out the cockpit window as the Arizona Cardinals landed in a place few could have imagined.

Ever.

A team whose fans haven't touched ground since the start of a stunning postseason run in early January, arrived in the Super Bowl city Monday. With many players videotaping the proceedings — the walk across the tarmac, the bus ride to the team hotel, the first onslaught of media — it was clear that just being here meant something to a franchise long considered an NFL doormat.

"It's a great moment," said safety Adrian Wilson, the longest-tenured Cardinal. "To be here, to go through all the teams, to go through all the players, it's big for the whole organization. It's big for the players who are here right now."

"You never know the type of team you have and you never know the circumstances. This team and this group of guys who you have right now, I think we are special."

Not that the Steelers, seeking an unprecedented sixth Super Bowl title, don't have a special feeling about their surroundings. Even though a huge chunk of them have been this route before, the cameras

were out, the smiles were wide, and the warm sun was welcoming.

"Are you kidding?" said wide receiver Hines Ward, the MVP of the Steelers' 2006 Super Bowl win over Seattle. "It's very nice to be in Tampa; it was snowing on our way here. They had to defrost the plane there was so much snow on the ground."

"It's the Super Bowl and it's a great event to take part in and, personally, I love the South, everything about being down in the South," said Ward, who grew up in Georgia. "Being in Florida, the weather is something. It definitely beats being back in Pittsburgh."

Ward and his teammates fully expect Tampa to resemble the Steel City by the weekend. No, not weather-wise; if that happens, rest assured the NFL won't be bringing its extravaganza back here. But in color, as in black and gold.

Quarterback Ben Roethlisberger envisions a tsunami of Terrible Towels.

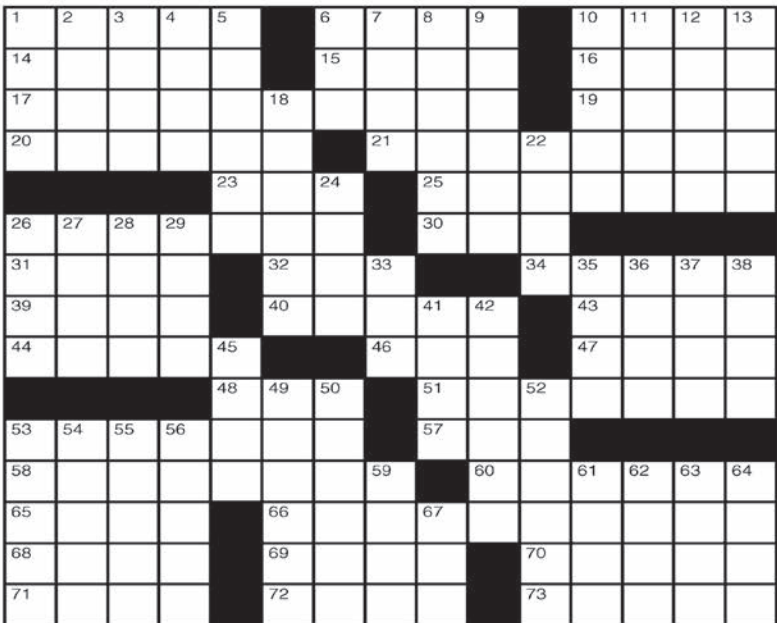
"It's awesome," he said. "Every time we go to an away-city, in a way it feels like a home game because there are so many fans. We expect them to be out there and having fun."

For now, with no practice sessions until Wednesday, the players actually can have some fun, too. Not too much, of course.

## Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Carrier bags
  - 6 Black and Red, e.g.
  - 10 Hank or Phoebe
  - 14 Look forward to
  - 15 Table staple
  - 16 Staff character
  - 17 Monaco district
  - 19 Comic Johnson
  - 20 Pipe fitting
  - 21 Conjectured
  - 23 H.S. subject
  - 25 Blackjack staff
  - 26 Actor Armand
  - 30 Harris and Wynn
  - 31 Steam engine's noise
  - 32 Before, before
  - 34 Begot
  - 39 Shredded
  - 40 Takes five
  - 43 Part of a shoe
  - 44 Run-down
  - 46 Afternoon social
  - 47 Nuzzle
  - 48 Airport abbr.
  - 51 Like Venetian blinds
  - 53 Kitchen appliance
  - 57 Express sorrow
  - 58 Inborn behavior
  - 60 Capital of the Bahamas
  - 65 Greek cheese
  - 66 Most in need of a drink
  - 68 Cultivate land
  - 69 Sweep under the rug
  - 70 Songwriter Greenwich
  - 71 Feed the hogs
  - 72 Appear
  - 73 Lounge furniture

- DOWN
- 1 Neill and Waterston
  - 2 MP's quarry
  - 3 Walking stick
  - 4 Fork-tailed flier
  - 5 Even-\_\_
  - 6 Retirement grp.
  - 7 I'm all \_\_!
  - 8 Refer indirectly
  - 9 Packed away
  - 10 Sluggish one
  - 11 Ancient Scandinavian
  - 12 River romper
  - 13 Garden pests
  - 18 Heart
  - 22 Large group
  - 24 "Chicago" star
  - 26 Behaves
  - 27 Cap on a cane
  - 28 Certain
  - 29 Matured
  - 33 Superlative suffix
  - 35 Well, \_\_ that special!
  - 36 Underground growth
  - 37 If all \_\_ fails...
  - 38 Property record
  - 41 Hardy lass
  - 42 Stylish businesses?
  - 45 Himalayan legend
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  - 52 Diminishes



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# Illinois governor skips trial to appear on TV talk shows

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SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — Gov. Rod Blagojevich's impeachment trial opened Monday with a vacant chair reserved for the governor, who boycotted the proceedings and instead spent the day on the TV talk-show circuit in New York, complaining he is being railroaded.

"The fix is in," Blagojevich declared on ABC's "Good Morning America."

As the Illinois Senate assembled for the first impeachment trial of a U.S. governor in more than 20 years, David Ellis, the House-appointed prosecutor, told the chamber he will show that Blagojevich "repeatedly and utterly abused the powers and privileges of his office."

In one of his first orders of business, Ellis won approval from the Senate to summon as a witness an FBI agent who oversaw the profanity-laden wiretaps that led to Blagojevich's arrest on corruption charges last month.

With Blagojevich refusing to present a defense, Illinois senators could vote within days on whether to oust the 52-year-old Democrat on a variety of charges, including allegations he tried to sell or trade the U.S. Senate seat left vacant by President Barack Obama for a Cabinet position, a high paying job for himself or his wife or campaign funds.

State senators maintained the trial will be fair, despite Blagojevich's attacks on the process.

"We all took an oath to do justice according to the law. I know that everyone is taking the matter seriously and that no one will stand in the way of justice," said Senate Minority Leader Christine

Radogno, a Republican.

Blagojevich insists the remarks attributed to him have been taken out of context and that he has done nothing illegal.

Pressed on what context would justify using Obama's Senate seat to land a job for himself, Blagojevich said he didn't try to make an illegal trade.

"If you do an exchange of one for the other, that's wrong," he told ABC's "Nightline," according to a transcript of Monday night's show. "But if you have discussions about the future and down the road and what you might want to do once you're no longer governor in a few years, what's wrong with that? Those are natural discussions people have. ... Those are legitimate, honest discussions."

Blagojevich also appeared on "The View," talked to Geraldo Rivera of Fox News Channel, appeared in a taped interview on NBC's "Today" and in person on CNN's "Larry King Live." He was scheduled to appear on CBS' "The Early Show" on Tuesday.

"I'm here in New York because I can't get a fair hearing in Illinois," Blagojevich said between TV appearances.

The impeachment trial opened with the presiding judge, Illinois Supreme Court Chief Justice Thomas Fitzgerald, telling senators: "This is a solemn and serious business we're about to engage in."

When Fitzgerald asked whether the governor was present, there was a long silence. The seats set aside for Blagojevich and his attorney were vacant.

Fitzgerald ordered the proceedings to continue as if Blagojevich

had entered a plea of not guilty.

No other Illinois governor has been impeached, let alone convicted in a Senate trial. It would take a two-thirds majority — or 40 of the 59 senators — to remove Blagojevich. The Senate also could bar him from ever again holding office in Illinois.

Democratic Lt. Gov. Patrick Quinn would replace him.

The outcome of his impeachment trial has no legal impact on the criminal case against Blagojevich. No trial date has been set on those charges.

Practically the entire political establishment has lined up against him. The last of two House votes on impeachment was 117-1, with his sister-in-law the only dissenter.

In his TV appearances, and in interviews over the past few days, the governor portrayed himself as the victim of a miscarriage of justice. He has likened himself to the hero of a Frank Capra movie and a Wild West cowboy in the hands of a lynch mob. He said he took solace from thinking of Nelson Mandela, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and Gandhi.

Blagojevich complained, among other things, that the trial is unfair because he was unable to call White House chief of staff Rahm Emanuel as a witness. Emanuel has said Blagojevich did nothing wrong when the two talked about Obama's Senate seat.

"I'm talking to Americans to let them know what's happening in the land of Lincoln," Blagojevich said during his media blitz. "If they can do this to a sitting governor, deny me to bring witnesses in to prove my innocence ... they can do it to you."

# Former senator lobbies for ASUM

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Lucas Hamilton has involved himself with College Democrats and ASUM. He has worked with MontPIRG and he interned with the Montana Senate Finance committee last summer.

But he was hired to lobby for ASUM at the Legislature, ASUM president Trevor Hunter said, because of a completely different reason.

"His directives come from the senate and the senate is the student's voice," Hunter says.

The new lobbyist position requires Hamilton to take a semester off from his journalism

and political science majors to work in Helena, lobbying the legislature on behalf of ASUM.

He has lived in a house with the lobbyist from MSU-Billings starting at the beginning of the legislative session on Jan. 5. The job will push his graduation back from May to December 2009 and put more onto his already full plate.

"It was a sacrifice, I'll admit. It wasn't something I took lightly," Hamilton said. "This is a tremendous opportunity and I am extremely lucky to be able to do this."

Hamilton said he can't "just go lobbying on whatever issue. I get all my cues from Trevor and the senate." But he says that he and ASUM see eye to eye on a number of issues and will work together to represent the student body.

The most decisive factor in deciding to hire him was "just his understanding that his drive comes from the students," Hunter said. "The only reason he's called an ASUM lobbyist is because (ASUM) pays him."

Hamilton said, "I signed up to represent students to the legislature."

Hamilton, from Havre, said he became interested in creating policy after being on the debate

team in high school and joining ASUM as a sophomore in 2006.

Hunter said beyond Hamilton's résumé, the hiring committee was struck by Hamilton's communication skills and professionalism.



Photo courtesy Dan Doherty

Hunter said that what stood out in his 45-minute interview was the fact that "he kind of had a plan in place already. He doesn't need to be micro-managed."

A large part of that plan is Hamilton's hope to take 50 students to the legislature

next semester.

Hamilton says it would send a clear message to the legislature about the student body's vested interest in issues concerning them.

"As a lobbyist, it's my job to be convincing and there's nothing more convincing than numbers," Hamilton said.

Hunter said he's impressed with Hamilton's plan because there are a number of issues that will be discussed next legislative session that will affect students.

"The tuition is a huge issue for students," Hamilton said. He said ASUM hasn't officially set a goal as to what it hopes tuition will be in the next few years, but that he will work to come to a reasonable agreement.

"It's going to be difficult to go forward without a budget raise and I understand that," Hamilton said. "But I represent the students."

And there is no better way to represent the students, said Hamilton, than actually bringing them to where decisions are made. "In past sessions it's been 'Well, let's get some (ASUM) senators to go with us,'" Hunter said. "But Lucas said, 'Let's get students to go.'"

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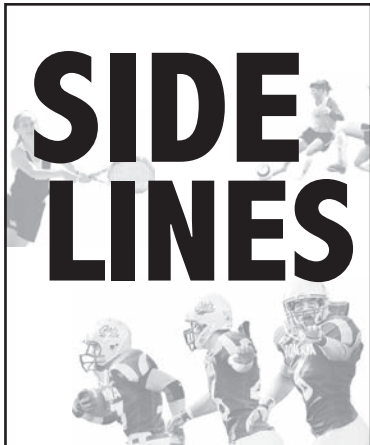
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SPORTS BRIEFS

Women’s basketball: Senior guard Mandy Morales earned her Big Sky Conference record-tying 12th Player of the Week award. Morales, who was named co-player of the week along with Portland State’s Kelli Valentine, netted 15 points and tallied six assists in the Lady Griz’s 80–65 road victory over Northern Colorado on Sunday. It was Morales’ fourth Player of the Week honor this season. Morales also moved to second on Montana’s all-time career scoring list with 1,708 points. Her 15.4 points per game currently ranks her second in scoring in the conference.

Men’s basketball: Junior guard Anthony Johnson earned co-Big Sky Conference Player of the Week honors for his performance against Northern Colorado at home on Sunday and Eastern Washington on the road on Wednesday. Johnson averaged 19.5 points and 3.5 rebounds in the two games.

**STANDINGS**

**WOMEN’S BASKETBALL**

School	Conf.	Total
Montana	6–0	17–3
Portland State	6–0	13–6
N. Colorado	3–3	9–10
E. Washington	3–3	8–11
Idaho State	3–4	6–14
N. Arizona	3–4	6–14
Montana State	2–4	8–10
Sac. State	2–5	4–16
Weber State	1–6	6–13

**MEN’S BASKETBALL**

School	Conf.	Total
Portland State	6–1	15–5
Weber State	6–1	12–8
Montana	5–3	11–9
Idaho State	4–3	7–14
N. Colorado	4–4	8–13
Montana State	3–4	9–9
E. Washington	3–5	9–11
N. Arizona	2–6	5–14
Sac. State	1–7	2–19

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UM junior forward Jack McGillis scores against Northern Colorado’s sophomore guard Devon Beitzel at Dahlberg Arena on Sunday. The Griz beat the Bears, 68–59. Montana stands at 5–3 for the Big Sky Conference and will host Portland State on Thursday night at 7 p.m.



# Griz Notebook:

## Johnson continues spurt, decisive game Thursday

Roman Stubbs  
MONTANA KAIMIN

Anthony Johnson continued his scoring tear Sunday afternoon, and Montana regained sole possession of third place in Big Sky Conference rankings with a 68–59 win over Northern Colorado at Dahlberg Arena.

Johnson, the slick junior who has surfaced as the Grizzlies’ go-to threat in the meat of conference play, scored 18 points, including 12 before halftime when Montana held a double-digit foothold in the contest. His back-to-back jumpers gave Wayne Tinkle’s club a 16–6 lead with just under 12 minutes to play in the first half. Northern Colorado, who entered the day tied with the Griz for third in league with a 4–3 record, didn’t get back within single digits until the final minute of the game.

While Johnson has now cemented himself as one of the elite offensive playmakers in the league (third in scoring, 16 points per game), he has done so from the point guard slot after Ceylon Elgin-Taylor was suspended in early December for a DUI arrest. Elgin-Taylor returned to action for the first time in 10 games Sunday, but Johnson started at point and picked up right where he left off offensively in the past month. In the last seven games, he has scored at least 18 points, including consecutive 30-point outbursts against Montana State and Northern Arizona in early January. He is also eighth in the league in assists, with nearly three per game.

SACRAMENTO STATE broke the conference ice on Saturday with a three-point win over Idaho State at the Hornets Nest in Sacramento. The loss bumped the Bengals out of a three-way tie with Montana and Northern Colorado in the league, and more importantly for the Hornets, snapped a 14-game losing streak. Sacramento State does boast the top rebounder in the league in Justin Eller (7.2 per game) and the second-leading scorer in Loren Leath (16.2 per game), but those skill sets have been unable to carry a squad that sits at the very bottom in league scoring offense (59.3), field goal percentage (.408) and scoring margin (-14). Brian Katz’s Hornets finish their season with five of eight games on the road, where they have lost 33 straight.

After PORTLAND STATE’S 17-game win streak was snapped by Weber State back on Jan. 8, the Vikings players vowed not to lose another game on their schedule. In the three games since, they have responded with a validated resurgence — three wins in double figures, including a 22-point blowout of Eastern Washington Saturday in Portland. The Eagles gave the Vikings fits early, leading 33–32 at intermission before surrendering a 16–3 run to open the second half. The run showcased two of the league’s premier three-point shooters (Jeremiah Dominguez, Phil Nelson) who make Portland State so dangerous, with the ability to score in flurries. Nelson hit consecutive threes to open the run, and Dominguez, who leads the league in treys made (48), put the nail in the Eagles’ coffin with three pointers on back-to-back possessions midway through the half. Up next is Thursday’s trip to Missoula, where they return for the first time after handing the Griz their worst loss in 94 years last season on senior night. And, because Montana fell 72–45 in Portland on Dec. 20, Thursday night’s contest could either provide Portland State the opportunity to continue their streak against the Griz, or it could be a notable vindication game for Tinkle and his program.

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# Griz cheer squad takes second in MTV cheerleading competition

Whitney Bermes  
MONTANA KAIMIN

The Griz cheer squad has new-found fame, thanks to a second-place finish in a nationally televised cheerleading competition.

Montana cheerleaders were chosen as one of five teams to take place in the inaugural season of MTV's "Paula Abdul's RAH! Cheerleading Bowl," which aired Jan. 3.

Montana was defeated by Hawaii after the final round of competition.

"We were definitely happy to finish second," said senior co-captain Allison Pringle.

"Hawaii's level of difficulty was so much greater than ours ... they're at a different level," said fourth-year cheer coach Stacey Farnes.

The show included four competitions. After each round, three judges, including Abdul, would deliberate and cut one team. This continued until they had a champion. The four rounds Montana competed in included a roll-off challenge, a short routine taught by Abdul, a relay race and a performance of their own 90-second routine.

"I think our squad as a whole represented the university professionally," said Christie Anderson, director of Montana Spirit Squad Program. "I'm very happy with the outcome."

Montana was flown to New York City to film in November at the New Balance Track and Field Center. The team spent the first day rehearsing, and the second day was devoted solely to filming the show. Both days, Montana did not finish until midnight.

"They were exhausted," Farnes said.

Five teams were chosen as finalists to compete in the show



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UM senior and cheer squad co-captain Allison Pringle rallies the crowd during Saturday's Griz Basketball game at the Adams Center. UM's cheerleaders were one of five squads from around the country chosen by pop icon Paula Abdul to compete on her show "Paula Abdul's RAH! Cheerleading Bowl."

— Montana, Miami, University of Arizona, the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff and Hawaii. But many more teams from across the country tried out, Pringle said.

"Just to make it in the first place, we were excited about that," Pringle said.

Last fall MTV sent out a casting call for cheerleading squads interested in participating in the show to apply, Anderson said.

The Griz team thought the show would be a great way to garner some national recognition for a small school like Montana, Anderson said.

"It kind of made us nervous at first because it was MTV," Anderson said.

MTV narrowed its candidates down and kept in touch with Montana through emails in the fall, Anderson said. MTV then sent representatives to Montana for the Oct. 18 home football game to get footage, but MTV had a surprise for the team.

Before the game started, MTV showed the squad a video from the show's host, Abdul, telling the squad they were selected as one of the five finalists.

"The whole squad was surprised," Anderson said.

Then the hard work began. The team had only two weeks to prepare and practice routines that would normally take them months to perfect before they jetted off to New York, Farnes said.

While they prepared for the show, the team was not only in the middle of football and volleyball season, but preseason basketball games were also getting underway.

"It was super stressful because

it was the busiest time of the year for us," Farnes said.

Since the show aired, the team has received positive attention from their friends, family and the community, Anderson said.

"I don't think we realized how big of deal it was going to be until it aired," Farnes said. "It kind of put the University of Montana on the map."

"It was nice to get positive feedback," Pringle said. "We kind of get ignored at games so it's nice to be recognized."

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# Recession racks up more layoff victims at an alarming pace

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WASHINGTON—The recession is killing jobs at an alarming pace, with tens of thousands of new layoffs announced Monday by some of the biggest names in American business — Pfizer, Caterpillar and Home Depot.

More pink slips, pay freezes and other hits are expected to slam workers in the months ahead as companies desperately look for ways to survive.

“We’re just seeing the tip of the iceberg — the big firms,” said Rebecca Braeu, economist at John Hancock Financial Services. “There’s certainly other firms beneath them that will lay off workers as quickly or even quicker.”

Looking ahead, economists predicted a net loss of at least 2 million jobs — possibly more — this year even if President Barack Obama’s \$825 billion package of increased government spending and tax cuts is enacted. Last year, the economy lost a net 2.6 million jobs, the most since 1945, though the labor force has grown significantly since then.

The unemployment rate, now at a 16-year high of 7.2 percent, could hit 10 percent or higher later this year or early next

year, under some analysts’ projections.

Obama called on Congress Monday to speedily enact his recovery plan, warning that the nation can’t afford “distractions” or “delays.”

With the recession expected to drag on through much of this year, more damage will be inflicted on both companies and workers.

The mounting toll was visible Monday as roughly 40,000 more U.S. workers got the grim news.

Pharmaceutical giant Pfizer Inc., which is buying rival drug-maker Wyeth in a \$68 billion deal, and Sprint Nextel Corp., the country’s third-largest wireless provider, said they each will slash 8,000 jobs.

Home Depot Inc., the biggest home improvement retailer in the U.S., will get rid of 7,000 jobs, and General Motors Corp. said it will cut 2,000 jobs at plants in Michigan and Ohio because of slow sales.

“We are seeing no improvement in labor market conditions,” said Sal Guatieri, senior economist at BMO Capital Markets Economics. “This year could be as bad as last year in terms of layoffs.”

# Senate approves 4-month delay to digital television changeover

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WASHINGTON—The Senate on Monday voted unanimously to postpone the upcoming transition from analog to digital television broadcasting by four months to June 12 — setting the stage for Congress to pass the proposal as early as Tuesday.

Monday’s Senate vote is a big victory for the Obama administration and Democrats in Congress, who have been pushing for a delay amid growing concerns that too many Americans won’t be ready for the currently scheduled Feb. 17 changeover.

The Nielsen Co. estimates that more than 6.5 million U.S. households that rely on analog television sets to pick up over-the-air broadcast signals could see their TV sets go dark next month if the transition is not postponed.

“Delaying the upcoming DTV switch is the right thing to do,” said Senate Commerce Committee Chairman Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va., author of the bill to push back the deadline. “I firmly believe that our nation is not yet ready to make this transition at this time.”

The issue now goes to the House, where Commerce Committee Chairman Henry Waxman, D-Calif., has vowed to work with House leaders to bring Rockefeller’s bill up for a floor vote on Tuesday.

President Barack Obama earlier this month called for the tran-

sition date to be postponed after the Commerce Department hit a \$1.34 billion funding limit for government coupons that consumers may use to help pay for digital TV converter boxes. The boxes, which generally cost between \$40 and \$80 each and can be purchased without a coupon, translate digital signals back into analog ones for older TVs.

The National Telecommunications and Information Administration, the arm of the Commerce Department administering the program, is now sending out new coupons only as older, unredeemed ones expire and free up more money. The NTIA had nearly 2.6 million coupon requests on a waiting list as of last Wednesday.

Jonathan Collegio, vice president for the digital television transition for the National Association of Broadcasters, argues that the Nielsen numbers may overstate the number of viewers who are not ready for the digital transition. He noted that the numbers exclude consumers who have already purchased a converter box but not yet installed it, as well as those who have requested coupons but not yet received them.

What’s more, consumers who subscribe to cable or satellite TV service or who own a TV with a digital tuner will not lose reception.

Still Gene Kimmelman, vice president for federal policy at Consumers Union, argues that mil-

lions of Americans — particularly low-income and elderly viewers — will pay the price because “the government has failed to deliver the converter boxes these people deserve just to keep watching free, over-the-air broadcast signals.”

In 2005, Congress required broadcasters to switch from analog to digital signals, which are more efficient, to free up valuable chunks of wireless spectrum to be used for commercial wireless services and interoperable emergency-response networks.

Republicans in both the House and Senate have raised concerns that a delay would confuse consumers, burden wireless companies and public safety agencies waiting for the airwaves that will be vacated and create added costs for television stations that would have to continue broadcasting both analog and digital signals.

Paula Kerger, president and CEO of the Public Broadcasting Service, estimates that delaying the digital TV transition to June 12 would cost public broadcasters \$22 million.

But Rockefeller managed to ease some of these concerns by allowing broadcast stations to make the switch from analog to digital signals sooner than the June deadline if they choose and by permitting public safety agencies to take over vacant spectrum that has been promised to them as soon as it becomes available.

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minor, told lawmakers that the University needs funding because everyone should have access to education.

"The tuition freeze would be amazing," Wolfinger said. "Every dollar counts, especially with people my age."

One day after Dennison's presentation, the Legislature's chief financial forecaster told lawmakers that Montana's expected revenue for the next three years is predicted to drop by another \$85 million.

Lawmakers said there is too much economic uncertainty to make decisions about large money requests. Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Education Vice Chair Sen. Debby Barrett,

R-Dillon, said the outlook for extra higher education funding is shaky.

"I'm not optimistic at all on anyone's wish list," Barrett said.

Barrett said the latest \$85 million drop in expected revenue will make a significant impact on education funding in general. She also said Montana's share of the federal stimulus package may help backfill education funding and could help pay for the new COT building.

Barrett said any decisions on allocating large amounts of money for new projects will be deferred until the financial picture is clearer.

Congress has yet to approved the federal stimulus package. The amount of stimulus that Montana will receive, or when it will arrive, has not yet been determined.

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## President Obama pushes for green vehicles at expense of consumers

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WASHINGTON—President Barack Obama wants automakers to make greener cars at a time when General Motors and Chrysler are hanging by the thread of a massive government loan and auto sales have plummeted to their lowest levels in more than two decades.

Obama's plans could bring smaller cars, more hybrids and advanced fuel-saving technologies to showrooms, but car shoppers will probably pay more upfront because the new rules are expected to cost the hamstrung industry billions of dollars.

"The consumer needs to understand that they will see significant increases in the cost of vehicles," said Rebecca Lindland, an auto analyst for the consulting firm IHS Global

Insight. Her firm estimated the upgrades could add \$2,000 to \$10,000 to the price of a vehicle.

On Monday, Obama directed the Environmental Protection Agency to review whether California and more than a dozen other states should be allowed to impose tougher auto emission standards on carmakers to fight greenhouse gas emissions. The Bush administration had blocked the efforts by the states, which account for about half of the nation's auto sales.

The new president also said his administration would issue new fuel-efficiency requirements to cover 2011 model year vehicles. The rules would be the first step toward a 2007 energy law that requires the auto industry to boost efficiency by 40 percent to at least 35 miles per gallon by 2020.

Obama set in motion a new regulatory process at a time when the nation is coping with an economic recession and auto sales have fallen to their lowest pace since 1982. Underscoring the hardships, GM said Monday it would slash 2,000 jobs at plants in Michigan and Ohio.

In December, the Bush administration signed off on \$17.4 billion in loans to General Motors Corp. and Chrysler LLC to keep the companies afloat. The automakers are undertaking intense efforts to restructure this spring or face potential bankruptcy.

David Cole, chairman of the Center for Automotive Research in Ann Arbor, Mich., said he doesn't believe the

EPA will approve all the waivers asked for by the states. To do so would be economically unworkable.

"If the industry is in total shambles, you can have any regulation you want — it's not doable," he said.

Cole said the additional regulations would have to be implemented "in a way that's achievable in the industry."

Environmental organizations said Obama's approach would help the companies in the long term, forcing them to produce fuel-efficient cars coveted by more consumers. Roland Hwang, a senior policy analyst with the Natural Resources Defense Council, estimated that a more efficient car would save its driver \$1,000 to \$2,000 in fuel costs over its lifetime, offsetting some of the upfront cost.

Even with the decline in gas prices from last summer's \$4 per gallon, Hwang said, the regulatory programs would "push them in a direction that's going to make them more competitive, not less."

"Without California standards and without federal standards, there's a real danger of Detroit falling back in their old gas-guzzling ways," he said.

The industry embraced a green mantle at this month's North American International Auto Show in Detroit, outlining plans to ramp up production of gas-electric hybrids, develop plug-in electric cars and bring more fuel-efficient technologies to conventional models.

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